

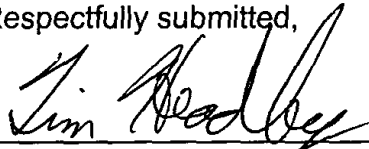
Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-6 are pending. The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,520,167 to Blank et al. The Examiner maintained that the "claimed compositions would be obvious homologous compounds of the reference in the absence of any unobvious or unexpected properties." The Examiner stated that comparative data by way of a 37 C.F.R. 1.132 declaration showing unexpected results between a reaction of a five-membered cyclic carbonate and a six-membered cyclic carbonate may overcome the rejection. Applicants now submit a declaration showing unexpected results.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn, and claims 1-6 be allowed. Although applicants believe that no fees are due at this time (besides the fee for a 3-month extension of time), they authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 07-0153.

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